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Former Helix star Baker gets chance before hometown fans

by Joe Naiman

Kweli Baker went from an all-CIF basketball star at Helix High School to a reserve forward at San Jose State University. Since that reserve role places him behind All-American candidate Olivier Saint-Jean, he usually doesn't get much playing time.

When San Jose State came to the San Diego Sports Arena Feb. 27, Baker's family and friends saw him play more than his 7-1/2 minute average.

Olivier ran into foul trouble early, giving Baker 12 minutes of playing time in the first half, during which time he made two of three shots and accrued two rebounds in the Spartans' 65-63 victory over San Diego State University.

Baker began his high school basketball career at Lincoln High School, but, since his family moved in La Mesa, he transferred to Helix after his sophomore year.

In addition to his basketball letters, Baker also played for the football team, was a high jumper and triple jumper for the track team and wrote the cover poem for "Dreams of Imagination," a book of poems written by Helix students.

In addition to San Jose State, Baker received interest from Portland University, University of California, Santa Barbara and Idaho State.

"San Jose State was a program that was on its way up and I felt I wanted to be a part of the building process," noted Baker. "I didn't want to go too far away from home, but far enough to be on my own."

"One thing I tell the kids – it's not just what you can do with the basketball, it's what the basketball can do for you," said Earl Woolridge, Baker's coach at Lincoln High School. "He's got a great situation up there with the academics. That's what its all about."

Woolridge said that being a reserve has helped Baker build character, adding the he is proud of Baker because he seems to have learned a lot more patience.

Helix High School graduate Kweli Baker (now playing for San Jose State) guards San Diego State's Kevin Betts (right) in a game last Thursday. San Jose won 65 - 63.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

Baker is close enough to remain in contact with Woolridge, "He was really important to me," Baker said. "He helped me with all the fundamentals, kept my head focused. I owe a lot to him."

Baker now plays for coach Stan Morrison, who gained prominence as the head coach of USC in the 1980s. Baker said Morrison is a great coach.

The concept of an all-county star becoming a college reserve can be explained by Baker's description of the difference between high school and college basketball.

He noted that everything is just a step bigger, better, faster and the guys are bigger and know the game.

Although Baker would rather play than sit on the bench, he feels that playing on the same team as Saint-Jean is a positive experience. "It's kind of a humbling experience. He does a lot of things I know I can't do yet."

Now that the Spartans have joined the Western Athletic Conference, home-and-home series with San Diego State University will be an annual occurrence.

Until this year the Spartans had not played San Diego State University since 1978, when both schools were in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association.

Baker said that he enjoyed it and wished he could play in San Diego more often. He showed a lot of confidence in front of his hometown crowd, a lot of poise, stated Woolridge.

Baker was a reserve forward during the 1994-95 season, but redshirted last season, so he has two more years of eligibility.

When not on the court, Baker is studying advertising and has three more semesters of academic requirements. He said that he is really looking forward to it and looking forward to two more years of basketball.

Baker doubts that he'll return to San Diego after he graduates, that he will probably move where his major takes him, expecting to relocate in the Los Angeles, New York or San Francisco area.

His roots, however, will remain in San Diego. He said he wanted to thank coach Earl Woolridge for all his instructions and all his hours in the court he spent to help him get here.

Controversy mars final Aztecs home game at Peterson Gym

by Greg Eichelberger

In what seemed like "East County Night" at last Thursday's men's Aztec basketball game against San Jose State, most local fans could not have cared less, and walked away from the contest, shocked, angry and wrung out from the experience, a heart-wrenching 65-63 loss that will remain controversial for quite some time.

Returning to San Diego with his Spartan team, 1994 Helix High graduate, Kweli (pronounced KWAY-LEE) Baker only played for a few minutes during the first half (scoring four points on three shots), but celebrated with his mates as a last-second basket by SDSU senior Chad Nelson, was nullified because time had apparently expired.

As a livid Aztec coach Fred Trenkle and a stunned Nelson pleaded their case to an unmoved referee, San Jose players (which had defeated San Diego State Feb. 1 in a game played up north, 76-72) hugged each other in a midcourt exhibition of sheer, unbridled joy. And, why not?

The Aztecs, losers of five straight games (and 10 out of their last 11) figured to win this one easily, which would have made Saturday's scrimmage against Jerry Tarkanian's Fresno State's Bulldogs the big battle of the year, with Western Athletic Conference post-season implications. (Aztecs lost 102-93.)

San Jose will go to the WAC tournament in Las Vegas (March 3 - 8), while the 'tecs, after what seemed like such a promising beginning, will join hapless Air Force in watching the festivities from home.

"It was a great feeling all the way around to come back and play in front of my hometown fans," said Baker after the game. "I wish I could do it more often. But this was a great feeling tonight, especially coming out with the win."

Playing back-up to Spartan star forward, Olivier Saint-Jean, of Paris, France, the WAC's leading scorer and top-five rebounder, Baker, who was never actively recruited by SDSU, was attracted to San Jose State as a team "on the way up," and the talents of coach Stan Morrison, who led the USC Trojans in the 1980s.

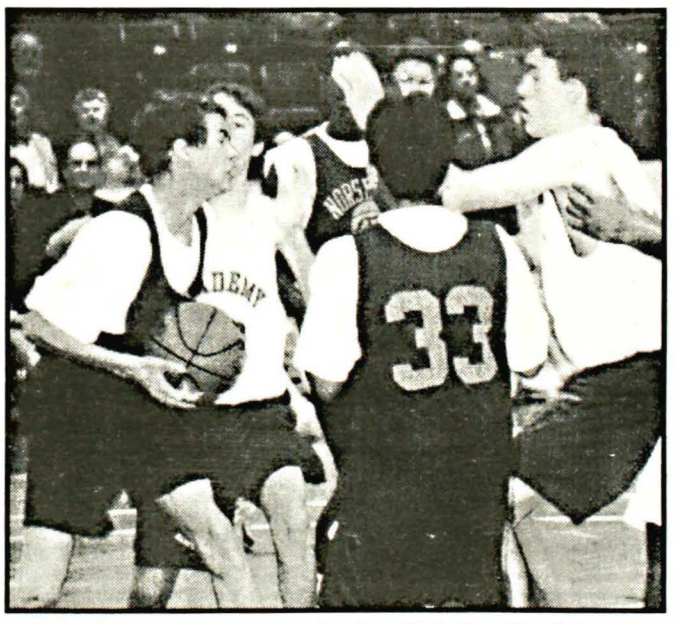
The advertising major student then advised East County kids to keep playing ball, keep going to school and to stay out of trouble.

His mother, Sharon Greer, and his former Lincoln High basketball coach, Earl Woolridge, were also on hand to see Baker. "Anytime Kweli comes home (from college), it's a joy," said Greer, a La Mesa resident. "To see him play here (at the Sports Arena) is a double joy."

And despite not having him home all the time, she isn't anxious to see him in an Aztec uniform, adding that she is happy where he's at, though maybe San Diego State isn't.

Woolridge, a coach for Lincoln since 1979, indicated that Baker had tremendous abilities in high school, and that he overcame a ninth-grade injury to develop into quite a player.

To add to the parochial flavor, during the halftime intermission, a team of young men (11 - 14 years) planning to attend Valhalla High School, and coached by Tony Rapolla, of El Cajon, played a group from Carlsbad in a quick, 10-minute contest.



Jeff Goodall drives with the help of #33 Erik Rapolla of the soon-to-be Valhalla Norsemen. The scrimmage was last week at the Sports Arena at San Diego State game against San Jose State.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

"We made a deal with some of the Aztec personnel, Greg Nelson and a few others, to play here," said Rapolla, who also promises they will do this again next season.

Unfortunately, and to compliment the already depressing atmosphere of the overall evening, the East County kids lost, 10-8.

DAV to hold 11th disabled veterans winter sports clinic

Imagine yourself skiing down a mountain with only one leg ... or as a paraplegic ... or blind perhaps! Sounds impossible, doesn't it? At the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, however, the impossible dream becomes a reality when severely disabled veterans realize a new and unexpected sense of freedom and exhilaration.

The 1997 Winter Sports Clinic, jointly sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), will be held in Crested Butte, Col., March 23 - 28. More than 200 severely handicapped veterans will gather on the slopes of the Colorado Rockies and discover that physical impairment doesn't have to stand in the way to achievement. This is the kind of stuff that changes lives-forever!

"Most of the participants have never skied before," said DAV National Commander Greg Reed, a combat-disabled Vietnam veteran. "Most have suffered such debilitating injuries that they believed their lives were over. Many have been told they would never walk again. Blindness, paraplegia, quadriplegia, a variety of arm and leg amputations, spinal injuries, traumatic head injuries-you name it, these veterans have survived it in wars ranging from World War II to Desert Storm."

Consider the remarkable story of Urban Miyares, a Vietnam veteran who lost his eyesight. While in a rehab program at the VA Medical Center in Palo Alto, Calif., he earned the nickname "Spiderman." Blind and unable to feel any sensation below his waist, Urban could only move about by clinging to the nearest wall. Today, 10 years after losing his vision, Urban Miyares is one of the fastest blind skiers in the world, and now sees the world in a different light. He was named the DAV's Outstanding Disabled Veteran of 1994.

"Each year these veterans inspire us by their perseverance and grit as they remind us that physical limitations are not insurmountable obstacles to enjoying an active and fulfilling life," said VA Secretary Jesse Brown. "They put their lives on the line for our freedom. We want to give something back to them by giving them the chance to determine their own limits."

Community Notes

Free seminar on living trusts offered

The Mesa Valley Grove senior programs will be holding a free seminar about living trusts on March 11 at 10 a.m. at the senior center, 8735 Jamacha Blvd., Spring Valley.

Facts on wills and living trusts will be presented, such as avoiding probate, avoiding inheritance taxes and avoiding conservatorships, by AAIP (American Association of Independent Paralegals). AAIP is one of the the largest providers of living trusts.

Protecting families against probate is important. According to the Older Women's League, "50 percent of all widows live in poverty."

Call Beth at 800-232-9455 for further information and reservations.

Sheriff's Log

Feb. 8-9, 1997

1600 blk. La Corta St. Petty theft. $19 value.

Feb. 9, 1997

3100 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Auto theft. $1,000 value.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Commercial burglary. $13 value.

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Lemon Grove Almanac

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1996 taxable sales:	$265 million
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52nd - Duncan Hunter
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College Notes

$125,000 available to graduating seniors:

The deadline is nearing for San Diego County McDonald's and Ronald McDonald House charities scholarships

For graduating seniors who need financial assistance for college, there's still time to apply for the Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement and McDonald's African American Visionary and Inspirational Leaders (AVAIL) scholarships.

However, the March 31 deadline for both programs is rapidly approaching and students are encouraged not to delay.

"Right now there's still a minimum of $125,000 up for grabs through McDonald's scholarships," said Philip R. Palumbo, chair of the Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement Program and McDonald's franchisee in San Diego. "By applying today, students can ensure they won't be disqualified due to a missed deadline."

Through the Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement, AVAIL, and McDonald's third scholarship program, Hispanic Commitment to Educational Resources (HACER), a minimum of $125,000 will be awarded in 1997.

A minimum of 25 students will receive $1,000 scholarships throughout the Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement program, made possible through a grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego (RMHC-SD).

Fifty African American and 50 Hispanic students will receive $1,000 each through the AVAIL and HACER programs. Deadline for the HACER program ended Feb. 1.

Students interested in pursuing one or more of these scholarships can stop by any San Diego County McDonald's for an application, or ask a high school counselor or principal.

Scholarship criteria and deadlines vary. For more information, call 497-4400.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego is a non-profit organization that awards grants to local organizations dedicated to the health, education, safety and general welfare of San Diego's children. Last year, the local chapter donated more than $300,000 to San Diego children's organizations and $50,000 to the National RMHC chapter.

Local students to appear in CYT's 'Jungle Book' staging

Several East County children will play characters ranging from tigers to teens in Christian Youth Theatre's new original musical production of Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book."

Lemon Grove students in the cast will include Nicholas Bonnell as Or-Rang-Tang, and Sarah Bernard as Mowgli,s Mother Wolf.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. March 6, 7, 14 and 15, at 2 p.m. on March 8, 9, 15 and 16 at Lewis Middle School, 5170 Greenbriar Avenue in San Diego. Tickets are $6 - $7, with discounts for groups of 10 or more. A special Scout Day performance on March 8 will offer additional savings for scout troops attending together. March 9 is Family Day with all tickets $5.

CYT is an after-school theatre arts program operated in San Diego and Riverside counties by Christian Community Theatre, a non-profit educational corporation. For more information, please call 1-800-696-1929, or for tickets, call 588-0206.

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Sports Beat
with Greg Eichelberger

Greetings, friends. Not a bad sports week for the locals, we'd say, with the (hopefully) final resolution of the Jack Murphy/QualComm deal, the locking up of this prima donna, Hideki Irabu, and the start of Spring Training baseball.

And speaking of which, later on this month, I will be writing an exclusive story on that subject direct from Peoria, Arizona. Stay tuned. Now, let's see if editor Marv will spring for me to see the Padres-Cardinals game in Hawaii in mid April.

The Chargers, who also deemed us unworthy of receiving media credentials last season, now consider us bona fide. We were sent a press release last week informing us of some members of the team who will be speaking here in the East County over the next several days, specifically, March 7 at Hillsdale Middle School in El Cajon, and March 14 at Hill Creek Elementary in Santee. The player's message will be to stay off drugs and stay in school, or at least stay in school long enough to hear one of the Chargers. For more information on these talks, call Scott Yoffe at 874-4500, Bruce Reid at 699-2311, or Scott Fingerhut at 456-3855.

Other than last Sunday's 3-2 loss to Anchorage in Tucson in a game to show off the league to the new franchise town, the Gulls are riding high wide and handsome, winning 17 out of 18 and continuing to lead the Aces by eight points in the standings. Coach Steve Martinson even took a few minutes from his hectic schedule to hobnob with us media sorts last week at the ASA (sportswriters) lunch. Whadda guy!

And while on the Gulls bandwagon, was I surprised when announcers Ron Oates and Chris Ello mentioned an article I wrote on Jennifer Williams' and Harold Hilliker's love of the team? You bet. Oates even said it was "in the *Santee Star*." You can't buy that kind of publicity, folks.

Santana coach Wade Vickery can be proud of his Sultan girls basketball team, who recently wrapped up their 11th straight Grossmont North League title (which they shared this year with El Capitan) with a 64-45 victory over the Vaqueros. For her efforts in that game (23 points and 12 rebounds), sophomore, Paige Sutton won Athlete of the Week honors from the *Union-Tribune*. Sutton, by no coincidence, leads the team in both categories this season. The Lady Sultans, by virtue of that win, move ahead of El Cap (#5) to number three on the county's Top Ten list. Christian (24-0), the only undefeated squad in the survey, remains in the sixth position.

The women's Aztec b-ball team won its final game of the regular season over the University of Texas-El Paso (formerly Texan-Western) and awaited the upcoming WAC tournament and possible high seeding in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

The men, on the other hand, lost any chance at post-season play with a heart-breaking 65-63 loss to San Jose State, following a 47-point debacle against Stanford.

Padre owner, John Moores, who recently entertained editor Marv at a Kiwanis breakfast, is contributing a few dollars more to fix up SDSU's Tony Gwynn Stadium. "I can't say enough about the generosity of John and Becky (Moores)," said Aztec Athletic Director Rick Bay. The facility hopes to host its first baseball game in mid-March against Brigham Young University. You know I'll let you know if and when that happens.

And if anything happens that needs to be in this column, just call me at 390-7103, and I'll include it. Until then, have a great sports week.

CIF Playoffs

(East County teams in **bold**)

Call schools for times
and locations (where necessary)

Tuesday – BASKETBALL Girls SEMIFINALS – Div. II: **Santana** vs. Escondido, **El Capitan** vs. Montgomery. SOCCER Boys SEMIFINALS – Div. II: Ramona vs. **Mount Miguel**. Div. IV: Bishops vs. **Christian**. SOCCER FINALS: Girls Div. IV. SEMIFINALS – Div. II: Mira Mesa/San Pasqual vs. **Helix**/Scripps Ranch.

Wednesday – BASKETBALL Boys SEMIFINALS – Div. I: **Helix** vs. Rancho Buena Vista. Div. II: **West Hills** vs. Scripps Ranch. Div. V: **Christian** vs. Santa Fe Christian. Girls SEMIFINALS – Div. V: Calvin/Parker vs. **Christian**. SOCCER FINALS: Boys – Div. I.

Thursday – SOCCER FINALS: Girls – Div. III. Boys – Div. II.

Friday – BASKETBALL FINALS: Boys – Div. III - V. Girls – Div. I - II. SOCCER FINALS Boys – Div. II - Div. IV. Girls – Div. II.

Saturday – BASKETBALL FINALS: Boys – Div. I - II - IV. Div. V. Girls – Div. III - IV.

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East County dominates Tri-area AYSO

by Michael Krawczak

East County teams from Area V advanced to all six title games at the AYSO All-Star Tri-Area Tournament in South Bay, with four teams emerging as champions.

The tournament featured the top two soccer teams from Areas R, S and V. On Feb. 22, in a single day of pool action, each team played two games, with runners-up and champions of opposing areas competing against each other.

The top four teams from each division went on to semifinal play on Fe. 23, with the victors advancing to the championship final.

The strength of the East County teams was further evidenced by the four semifinal and final games that featured rematches of Area V championship games.

In the Div. 3 Boys final, the La Mesa All Stars again topped the Lakeside All Stars, 5-2, in a rematch of the Area V title game. Playing at Penn Athletic Field in Paradise Hills, Lakeside advanced to the final with two pool wins and a 3-0 semifinal shutout of South Bay. Center midfielder Brent McCarter scored goals in two games for Lakeside, and Chad Kraus and Matt Westrick were defensive standouts.

Also at Penn Field, Santee Kickin'it took the Div. 3 Girls crown. Kickin'it breezed past South Bay and Tierrasanta in pool play, then edged Mira Mesa, 2-1, in the semifinal game. Santee faced South Bay again in the final. Falling behind early 1-0, Kickin'it tied the game with a second half goal.

The scored remained tied through the end of regulation play, sending the game to overtime. South Bay scored a goal early in the first overtime period. Santee responded by moving up center defender Lisa Cunningham. Her pass to Amy Thessen resulted in a tying goal.

With the scored still even at the end of two overtime periods, a shootout ensued. With the score tied 2-2 after four shooters, Nicole Tunnell drilled Santee's final attempt into the net. Goalkeeper Cunningham then stopped South Bay's last shot, giving Kickin'it the title. Notably, Tunnell scored an identical shootout winning goal in this tournament one year ago.

Kickin'it won with a very young team that featured 12 first-year Div. 3 players and only three returnees. Coach Dan Lovin credited outstanding teamwork, along with great defense and goalkeeping.

At Palm Middle School in Paradise Valley, Santee F5 won the Div. 4 Boys championship, defeating Paradise Hills, 3-1, in the final.

F5's path to victory included a rematch of the Area V title game against La Mesa in the semifinal. This time, Santee bested La Mesa, 3-0, on the strength of a first quarter hat trick by Alex Kyzer, with Brian Dunne assisting on each goal.

Coached by Jennifer Hill, along with assistant coaches Dave Bender and Chris Chandler, F5 put up some very impressive numbers en route to winning two consecutive tournaments. It posted a 9-0-1 record, with four shutout wins, and outscored its opponents, 39-10.

Anthony Fortini, Bradley Reese, Jeremy Hill and Nathan Craig were tremendous on defense. Goalkeepers Kyzer and Brendan Dunne combined to allow only three tournament goals.

Integral to the team effort were forwards Kevon Petersen, Kyle Smith, Derek Campbell and Michael Vitale, and wings Nick Scott and Luke Leveille.

The Div. 4 Girls semifinal match at Palm Middle School featured another rematch, with Santee avenging its earlier Area V championship 3-2 loss to El Cajon Fully Loaded, with a 3-1 shootout victory.

The two teams were scoreless through regulation play and two overtime periods. Santee went up against Chula Vista in the final, but fell one goal short of victory.

El Cajon defeated Spring Valley and Mira Mesa in Saturday pool play.

In an inspiring display of civic pride, the Santee girls team cheered on their male counterparts during F5's title match against Paradise Hills, and built a post-game victory tunnel for the boys.

At Bonita Vista High School, the El Cajon Goal Rush emerged as the top Div. 5 Boys team. They began tournament action with a pair of ties, 3-3 vs. South Bay and 0-0 vs. Tierrasanta. The semifinal game was a rematch against Area V champion La Mesa. Avenging the 3-1 Area V loss, the Goal Rush prevailed, 2-0, and went on to another 2-0 victory in yet another rematch, defeating Tierrasanta in the final.

Though they won't be advancing to the sectional tournament in Irvine, a Goal Rush team trip to Disneyland is planned as a consolation.

In Div. 5 Girls pool play, El Cajon Golden Numbers defeated host Bonita Vista, 3-1, on goals by Megan Pontius, Kelsey Knudsen and Courtney Rains. El Cajon then played Mira Mesa to a 0-0 tie. Kimberly Fischer was excellent in goal.

The Golden Numbers controlled game, but were unable to score. In the semifinal match against Spring Valley, Whitney Davis scored a lone goal in El Cajon's 3-1 loss.

Spring Valley then faced the La Mesa All Stars in the final. The two teams had met a day earlier in pool play, with Spring Valley triumphing, 3-0.

In the championship game rematch, Spring Valley duplicated the 3-0 victory. In La Mesa's 4-2 semifinal win over Mira Mesa, Hayley Long notched a hat trick. Back sweeper Shireen Khavandegaran was La Mesa's defensive MVP.

The six champion teams from the Area V tournament will advance to the sectional tournament in Irvine, March 8 - 9.

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Sports talk show from Parkway Plaza provides lots of fun and debate

by Greg Eichelberger

Hank Bauer and Kevin Kernan, the hosts of KFMB's nighttime radio "Sports Talk" program, brought their popular caravan to the halls of Parkway Plaza in El Cajon recently for two hours of live, spirited athletic conversation, debate and free giveaways.

From 6 - 8 p.m., over 300 local folks drifted by the staging area near the food court, some sitting in the chairs provided by the mall, to listen to the show. Others were content to gawk at the proceedings for a few minutes before moving on to other endeavors.

"Welcome, East County," was the cry from Bauer (no relation to the station's Joe Bauer, who, along with Mac Hudson, hosts a morning show), an ex-Charger running/halfback (1977-82) and current sportscaster for KFMB Channel 8 news, as he opened the program.

His airwave co-pilot, Kernan, a New Jersey native, has been writing for the *Union-Tribune* for over a decade and began working on the show last year.

The duo were joined by two promising young Padre prospects, pitcher Jason Middlebrook and shortstop Matt Halloran. Both gave their views about what was going on at the team's Spring Training facility in Peoria, Ariz., as well as their thoughts on becoming Major League ballplayers.

The talk also centered on the Padres' efforts to nab Japanese hurler, Hideki Irabu (in light of the recent decision by a baseball commission to give San Diego full, definite signing rights), the controversial stadium situation (since resolved, somewhat, by a court mandate) and the efforts of John Moores and Larry Lucchino to build a baseball-only park downtown someday, possibly near the Gaslamp District.

In addition, the pair took phone calls from listeners on a variety of other sports topics.

Also, several gifts were given away, including a two-day trip to see the Pads play in Peoria. While all of this was going on, the West Hills Wolfpack cheerleaders were on hand to liven things up during the commercial breaks, and even signed the show off the air with a rousing East County tribute to Bauer and Kernan.

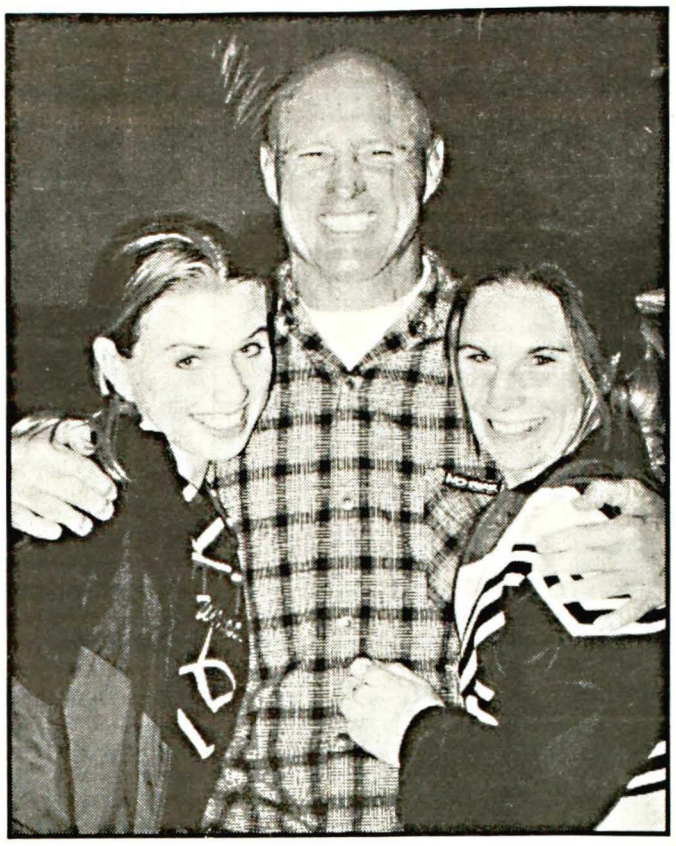
"I just love these guys," gushed one in blue and white garb. "I listen to their show all of the time and couldn't wait to come down here and cheer for them."

The hosts reciprocated this feeling, signing autographs and posing for pictures with whoever approached the stage.

"It's nice to do these remote broadcasts," said KFMB Program Director, Dave Sniff. "We have a lot of fans out in this area, and we feel a certain responsibility to let them know that we're in touch and care about them."

Bauer, still showing the gash on his bald pate sustained in a publicity stunt at a recent Gulls game, and Kernan, who worked on a special promotion for Lakeside's Home of Guiding Hands last year (with former pitching star Randy Jones), get a big kick out of their listeners from out here, especially one known as "Jean, The Dancing Machine" from Santee, a regular caller to the nightly program. Jean was also responsible for the cheerleaders being there.

The two hosts were to make one last out-of-studio transmission the next week at Horton Plaza, and are now gearing up for the start of the 1997 baseball campaign, where they will come on, with Jones and other guests, before and after each contest.



Radio talk show host Hank Bauer, who brought his show to Parkway Plaza in El Cajon recently, performs hug magic on West Hills High School cheerleaders Troy Lemperle (left) and Kathy Lee Kelsey. *Photo by Greg Eichelberger*

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